

# Jesus Dies and Lives Again

## Matthew 27:26 – 28:8

It's very sad when someone dies, isn't it? Sometimes other people die for someone else. Soldiers have died for America so we can be free and worship God. We are sad that these men and women had to die for our country, but we are thankful for our freedom. Do you remember which person in the Bible died for us? That's right. Jesus died for us.

Jesus is a very special person. Do you remember the story of the first Christmas? God's own Son left Heaven and was born on earth as a baby.

All of that was part of God's special plan so people could be saved and go to Heaven someday. All of us WANT to go to Heaven someday, but all of us have done bad things. God calls this sin. We CAN'T take sin to Heaven because that is where God lives, and He HATES sin. The Bible tells us so.

But the Bible also tells us that God LOVES us, even though we are sinners. God has made a way for our sins to be taken away so we can be saved – and that is the reason the Lord Jesus came to live on earth for a while. Jesus came so that HE could take away our sin, by dying in our place.

Some people who did not love Jesus SAID He had done bad things – but He HADN'T! These people arranged to have Jesus killed. God let them do this because it was part of HIS plan so we could be saved.

Some soldiers nailed Jesus' hands and feet to a big cross. Then the soldiers lifted up the cross and put the bottom part in a hole in the ground. Jesus' mother and one of His disciples, John, watched all the awful things that were done to Jesus.

Two other men were dying on crosses with Jesus. These men were robbers and had done many bad things. Jesus NEVER did anything that was bad or wrong. He WASN'T dying for His sins because He NEVER sinned. He is the Son of God. Jesus died to TAKE away our sins so people can be saved and live in Heaven with Him someday.

After Jesus had hung on the cross for a while, it was time for Him to die and He did. It makes us feel sad to know how much it hurt the Lord Jesus to take away our sins, but this isn't the entire story.

Three days after Jesus died, He came to life again. That is why we have glad Easter Day! Jesus is living! He is living in Heaven. He is our Savior!

### Bible Verse to Learn

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.  
(Matthew 28:6)